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**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance indicates that the claims were allowed because the prior art of record fails to teach, among other things, the step of recording vehicle odometer data in a wireless communication device and the step of validating vehicle odometer data during periods of allowance tolerance whereby vehicle odometer data is transmitted by a satellite communication device to a vehicle fleet office. The Applicant notes that the step of recording vehicle odometer data in a wireless communication device was removed from all but claims 10 and 11 by the preliminary amendment filed with the subject continuation application. Further that the step of validating vehicle odometer data during periods of allowance tolerance whereby vehicle odometer data is transmitted by a satellite communication device to a vehicle fleet office is present only in claim 2. Therefore, all of the allowed claims should not be construed as including these steps.

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